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HEAD OFFICE,
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Toronto, Oct. 6th, 1915.

President Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:

As you have been for many years deeply interested in the work of this Association I venture to draw your attention to the peculiarly difficult position in which we are at present.

The large number of demands upon the public this year have seriously interfered with our income; yet we feel that the work that is being done by the students in our employment, especially among the foreign population, is of such vital importance to the future of the Dominion that we are bending every effort to carry it on as in former years.

In the training of foreigners for citizenship a far reaching work is being done. Not only are they taught our language, history and national ideals, but also all the men in the camps- English-speaking and foreigners - are kept constantly and intelligently informed of the progress of events in Europe. Twenty-three of the men formerly in our employment have enlisted and our instructors all report some of their fellow-workmen as having responded to their country's call, many of them subjects of our Allies. One of our instructors who enlisted three weeks ago, reported sixteen of the men from his camp as having taken the same step.

The paying of office rent is a very serious drain upon our finances and it occurred to us that perhaps you could give us accommodation in some room in the University, until the end of the war. As our work is educational in character and the men employed are practically all University graduates or undergraduates, the majority who call at our office are from the various colleges. A room at the University would be therefore the most convenient and appropriate for us.

Owing to the new buildings opened during the last few years by the University and the probable decrease during war time of the number of both professors and students, we hope there may be a room or two unoccupied which we might use for a time.

Yours sincerely,

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General Secretary.

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Toronto, Oct. 14th, 1915.

President Falconer,
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Dear Sir:

Regarding our request for accomodation at the University, I might add that I had an interview with both Mr. Turney, Editor of Torontonensis and with Superintendent Campbell. Mr. Campbell showed me a small room that is at present only used for storing certain articles. Should you see your way to allow us the use of this it would be quite convenient for my desk and for our Office Secretary, Miss Pauline Smith, M.A.

Mr. Turney, on his part, would be pleased to have someone in his office who would answer the phone, make engagements for him and assist with his correspondence. He would also be glad to have the use of the telephone in our office, all of which we offer in exchange for the use of the apartment he now has.

This would not be quite as convenient as if the Association had two offices together, at the same time it would be quite satisfactory and would be a very valuable contribution to the cause of Camp Education.

Yours sincerely,

A. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent.

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